



## Police kill robber, wound 2 in Ekiti

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Combined forces of policemen on Ekiti and Kwara borders have killed one of the suspected robbers who attacked a branch of First Bank in Ikole-Ekiti on Wednesday.

The police teams shot and wounded two other suspected robbers inside the Hummer bus used by the gang to carry out the operation.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Olayinka Balogun made the disclosure in an interview with journalists in Ado-Ekiti on Thursday.

The police boss also said that the police recovered an AK 47 rifle with 10 rounds of live ammunition and a magazine from the gang.

He said that a telephone set recovered from the suspect killed had assisted the police to arrest three persons who were suspected to

be members of the robbery gang, adding that that the robbers stormed the bank in a white colour Hummer Bus with registration number XK 199AKR.

Balogun said that the gang who were about 12 armed men shot and injured two policemen and snatched one AK 47 rifle with 30 rounds of live ammunition from them.

The Police Commissioner stated that the gang had on Tuesday snatched the bus and kidnapped four persons in Akure adding that one of the captives who were still in the bus as at the time the robbers used the bus for the operation was injured in a gun duel which ensued between the bandits and the police.

Balogun said that the captives included the owner of the bus adding that the injured captive of bandits was receiving treatment at a hospital in Ikole.

He said that the police engaged the robbers in a gun duel at the bank but the robbers still succeeded to cart away an undisclosed amount of money. He explained that the police mobilized and pursued the robber as they fled towards Kwara State border.